

should not the Brethren church go forward with leaps and bounds? Too many barnacles; too many Achans! Too many Sampsons shorn of power! O seek it again. At the point where compromise was made with the world let there be separation again and where power was lost it shall be found. "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees." "Awake thou that sleepest and Christ shall give thee light." "Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "Thy sun shall go no more down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."

SALVATION.

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That so great a word should perplex you is not surprising. God's vocabulary has only terms that correspond to his own infinite mind. We come with our poor, narrow, shallow interpretations and lo, a salvation that puts the cross of Christ to shame, and reduces the Christ of the cross to an insoluble canon drum.

You *have* been saved, are *being* saved and *will* be "saved with an everlasting salvation." Not only has grace been revealed *for* you, but *in* you. Gal. 1:16. Not only exterior and interior, but you are to hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:13. Baptism did not wash away your sins, although that is the symbol and seal of the divine transaction. By grace are ye saved through faith. Eph. 2:8, 9. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. I John 1:7. By faith we have a perfect salvation as to reconciliation across the breach of sin, in the very genesis of our new being. But a new relation effected by the atonement of a substitute, is not the whole of salvation. Imputed righteousness must become personal. The perfect restoration of privilege and access, would be no salvation at all if it did not permeate unto the very essence of our being, and accomplish the transformation of II Cor. 3:18. No one is fit for baptism who is not as completely saved as to legal relation as it is possible for Christ to save. No minister would have the hardihood to lead an applicant into the water whose relation to sin is unbroken, and who is not in will and purpose and aspiration wholly consecrated to the divine claims. This is justification by faith.

But this is only the inauguration of the new life. The process of appropriation is constant from the blade to the full corn in the ear. Woe to the poor souls who think that because they have accepted the sym-

bol they are saved as a matter of course. Not only hath God delivered us from so great a death, but he doth deliver and will deliver. II Cor. 1:10.

You have no reason to be discouraged if you find remnants of sin in you. But if any sin has dominion over you, even if it be a passionate temper, or the greed of money, or hunger for human praise, you may well tremble. Nothing is salvation that does not make Christ supreme in the life. Christ will not be Savior where he is not accepted as King. Insert your name into every commandment and precept and promise of the Bible, and you will not fail to realize I Cor. 10:13; Rom. 8:37; I John 3:3, and Matt. 5:8.

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RELIGION FOR EVERY DAY LIFE.

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Our Motto:—Good will toward all and malice toward none.

Religion if it is worth anything, will not only show itself in merchandise, but it will purify all mechanism and all toil till it does work as well when it works by the job as when it works by the day. When you want to say a thing was slightly put up you say, Oh, it was done by the job. You can tell by the speed or tardiness of a carriage on the road whether the hackman is hired by the hour or by the excursion. If by the hour, he goes slowly so as to make the way last as many hours as possible. If it be by the excursion he whips up so as to get back and take another customer. For lack of religion among laborers, all styles of labor have to be inspected, vessels, houses, and machinery are inspected, boss workmen to look after journeyman, and the capitalist coming around suddenly and unexpectedly to see if the boss is attending to his business; conductor on city railroads sounding the punch bell to prove his honesty as a passenger hands him a clipped nickel. For the lack of practical religion all work has to be examined before it is accepted. Imperfection in the wood hidden by putty, garments made to last till they are put on, shoddy in all styles of clothing, chromos, pinchbeck diamonds, for \$1.50. Book binding that falls apart before you get through the first chapter, spavined horses dosed by skillful jockeys, fixed up for a few days to step spry, wheel tires imperfectly set, horses poorly shod, plastering that cracks without any provocation and falls off, plumbing that needs to be plumbed, car wheels that stop a whole train with a hot box. Practical religion in all departments is woefully needed. Even agriculture, proverbially honest, needs religion to rectify it. Then it

will not send veal too young to kill into the East Liberty markets.

Then when farmers farm on shares, the man who does the farming will not make his half three quarters, picket and rail fences will not encroach on their neighbor's homesteads, and the live stock will not be allowed to suffer for lack of shelter, and the elder will not do a little work on Sunday afternoon, in the new ground because no one sees him, and practical religion will hover over house and barn and granary and field and orchard. Yes we must have religion come into all professional life. It will keep the lawyer true to his high responsibility as an expounder of law and advocate of innocence, and an avenger of wrong, and will hinder him from charging for services he never rendered, and for pleas he never made, and for writs he never wrote, and for percentages to which he never was entitled, and from robbing widows and orphans because they can't protect themselves. Yea practical religion will help and guide the physician and custodian of public health and make him feel the responsibility of his profession, typified by Christ who was himself a physician, and will hinder the doctor if he does not understand a case, from covering up his lack of diagnosis with ponderous technicality and sending his patients to reckless drug stores because that apothecary allows a liberal percentage to the doctor for every prescription. Yea, it will help the school teacher in his or her high work of preparing the young for usefulness, instead of giving the sly box to a head because it is dull, chastisement for what he can't help, sending discouragement through all the years of a lifetime. It will help newspaper men in educating the public taste and gathering the news and advancing all departments of intelligence and virtue, and hinder them from putting in larger type the sins of the world, than its virtues, its mistakes than its achievements, and from misrepresenting interviews with public men and exciting unjust suspicions that can never be silenced, and by putting them in sympathy with the defenseless and unfortunate rather than their oppressors. Yea, practical religion is needed to put its hand on all circles of what is called good society, keeping its expenditure within its income and exchanging the hypocritical apology of "not at home" for the honest explanation of too tired or too busy to be seen, and from allowing innocent reception becoming intoxicating conviviality, and by allowing intelligent conversation and frank manners and Christian sentiment to drive out that creature with pointed shoe toe and tight bandaged limb, and idiotic talk born in America, yet a poor copy of a